

REMARKS

The Examiner has restricted this application to one of the following inventions under 35

U.S.C. § 121:

Group I - Claims 1-5, 10-12, 22 and 24-29 drawn to an isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a polynucleotide, a recombinant expression cassette, a vector or a host cell comprising said polynucleotide, or a method of modifying cell walls in the tissues of a transgenic plant comprising introducing said polynucleotide sequence into plant, classified in 800, subclass 278, for example.

Group II - Claims 8 and 23 drawn to an isolated polypeptide or a method of weakening the mechanical strength of cellulose fibers using said polypeptide, classified in class 530, subclass 350, for example.

Group III - Claim 9 drawn to an antibody which selectively binds to the polypeptide, classified in class 424, subclass 130.1, for example.

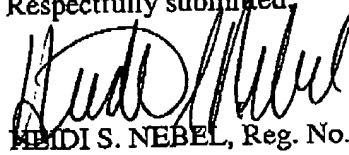
Group IV - Claims 6, 7 and 13-21, drawn to a group 2/3 allergen encoding a polypeptide, or wherein said allergen is Lol p3 or wherein said allergen possesses expansin activity, classified in class 536, subclass 23.2, for example.

The Applicants provisionally elect with traverse, Group IV, Claims 6, 7 and 13-21, drawn to a group 2/3 allergen encoding a polypeptide, or wherein said allergen is Lol p3 or wherein said allergen possesses expansin activity, classified in class 536, subclass 23.2, for example. It is submitted that all groups are related as products and methods limited to those products.

No fees or extensions of time are believed to be due in connection with this amendment; however, consider this a request for any extension inadvertently omitted, and charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 26-0084.

Reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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